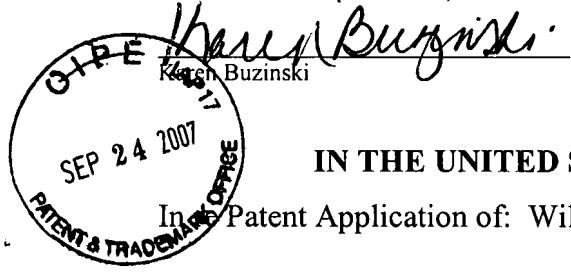


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Dear Sir:

By this amendment, twenty-six (26) claims remain pending in this application including six (6) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed to cover the fee for two (2) additional independent claims not previously paid for. The three (3) month response period to respond to the Office action of June 20, 2007 expires on September 20, 2007.

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2007, Applicants hereby respond as follows. **Should the Commissioner decide that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172, order number 22188/06730.**

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